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## REPORT OF ICE.

### May Make Newfoundland Herring Season a Short One.

#### Little Frost at Bay of Islands on Last Friday.

The report from Newfoundland that ice has been reported this early to the northward has caused not a little anxiety here. Should the report be correct and a spell of cold weather set in, it would mean a very short herring season at Bay of Islands, which with the large fleet at present engaged would entail much loss here. With the coming down of the ice from the Labrador coast, the vessels would be compelled to leave the bay and the fishing and start for home to save being frozen in and not be released till late in the spring.

Thus far there has been but very little frost at Bay of Islands. On Friday there was some and ice formed in the Middle Arm. With mild weather following, this ice would disappear, but with a cold snap it would mean that the ice would continue to make and the vessels would have to turn their attention to frozen herring and also be thinking seriously of starting for home. As far as known no natural frost herring have been put down yet and it is felt that unless the ice comes too thick, the Potomac can easily break it up and keep a free road for the vessels from the arms to the open water of the bay.

Sch. Arcadia will fit for a second Newfoundland herring trip, going for frozen herring this time.

Sch. Havana, which sprang aleak coming across the Gulf of St. Lawrence and went on the slip at North Sydney, C. B., came off the railways on Wednesday and was ready to start for here with her cargo of salt herring as soon as a favorable chance presented itself.

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#### TURTLE 4000 YEARS OLD.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Naturalists are interested in a mammoth turtle which is at present at the schooner academy, and which was captured near Galapagos island, off the coast of Ecuador. It is what is known as a land turtle, and the scientists who went on the expedition are certain that its age is between 4000 and 5000 years. It is the largest turtle ever captured, the weight being given at 1100 pounds.

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#### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

##### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Hope, shore.  
Sch. Mina Swim, shore.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.  
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.  
Sch. Hortense, Shore.  
Sch. Minerva, shore.  
Sch. Viking, shore.  
Sch. James S. Steele, shore.  
Sch. Galatea, shore.  
Sch. Rebecca, shore.  
Sch. Raymah, via Boston.  
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, via Boston.  
Sch. Slade Gorton, via Boston.  
Sch. Lizzie Griffin, Virgin Rocks.  
Sch. Good Luck, shore, 14,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Lafayette, shore.

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#### Today's Fish Market.

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Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.62 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.75; hake, \$1.40; pollock, 95 cts.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.00 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large \$3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.75.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 to \$4.50 for large, \$3.37 1-2 to \$3.50 for medium and \$2.00 for snappers.

Round pollock, \$1.00 per cwt.

Shore salt herring, \$1.75 per bbl. clear of the barrel.

Eastern "hallbut" codfish, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for small.

Fresh herring \$1.50 per bbl.

Salt dory handline bank cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.75 for medium.

Bank halibut, 13 cts. per lb. for white and 11 1-2 cts. for gray.

#### Boston.

Sch. Illinois, 18,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Juno, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 600 haddock, 100 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Cynthia, 13,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 10,000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Rob Roy, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Alcina, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Frances V. Silva, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Flavilla, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 6000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$5 per cwt.: large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$2.

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#### SCH. FORTUNA LOST.

### Was Bound to This Port with Cargo of Cured Fish.

#### Struck Buoy Off Portland and Sprang Aleak.

Sch. Fortuna of Jonesport, Me., a frequent visitor at this port, and bound here from her home port with 800 quintals of cured fish, was wrecked yesterday on Alden's rock, off Cape Elizabeth, Me.

The craft had been into Portland for a harbor and came out yesterday and started for this port. Once outside, she encountered the heavy gale from the southeast, and soon after rounding Cape Elizabeth, she ran into the buoy on Trundy's ledge and sprang aleak.

The pumps were at once started and she was headed back for Portland, but she struck on Alden's rock and sank in 25 fathoms of water. The captain and crew escaped in their boat.

The Fortuna was consigned to owner's orders, and her fare was to have been sold to some of the fish cutting concerns here.

#### THE MODUS VIVENDI AND HERRING DIFFICULTY.

The modus vivendi between Great Britain and this country and the Newfoundland herring situation, as it seems to be generally understood, is receiving considerable attention from the press of the country. Some of the papers, evidently not thoroughly acquainted with the ins and outs of the subject, and seeing only the reciprocity fetish, which in this case of Newfoundland means only free fish, and, also the destruction of the oldest industry in this country, cannot resist the temptation to slur the business and Senator Lodge.

These same papers, no doubt, are as patriotic as the average citizen, and would shout till they were hoarse for the upholding of the Monroe doctrine, screech editorially "millions for defence but not one cent for tribute," or demand the senate and the president to stand for all the rights of the country under any treaty made with it by a foreign nation, except apparently that of 1818.

When they come to this one, they show that evidently they have never looked carefully into its text or meaning and seen that this country gave up that we might have these certain rights on this part of the Newfoundland coast. They show also that they do not know how much indignity the fishing has stood for in this locality and how far it has been, in recent years, from having the rights accorded it under this treaty.

By their articles they would have their readers willing to believe that they acknowledge as right the act of a foreign dependency in enacting laws in years after a treaty is signed, and that these local laws are more powerful than our given treaty rights, even when these local laws so passed are designed to take away these very rights granted us under the treaty and for which we gave up so much.

Following are comments of the press, on all sides of the question, which we think will be found interesting reading, as it shows how others view the matter in which the fishing interest in general and this city in particular is so vitally interested:

"What ever trouble there may come over this fisheries question will be between Newfoundland and England, and England can be trusted to administer the needed correction to a disobedient child. The United States will witness the punishment with equanimity."—Providence News-Democrat.

"England has gone a long way to meet our views, and patience in unravelling the snarl is the slightest recompense we can make for the colony trouble between herself and her colony. The matter should be left alone there, without aggravation by agitation over our grievance in the opposition by Newfoundland to the imperial arrangement."—New York Times.

"Now, more than ever is there need of tact and forbearance on the part of our Yankee 'Captains Courageous' and those in their commands. We want no 'little wars' nowadays over such an industry as that of catching fish."—Boston Journal.

"The island authorities refused admission of supplies sent to the American Commissioner investigating fishing conditions, and have exacted duty. This is so trivial as to be amusing. But when the Newfoundlanders have worked off their petulance in this manner perhaps they will be in better temper."—Troy Times.

"It would seem to be a diplomatic mistake to take advantage of the privileges conferred



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by the temporary argeement with the British government. The results to our fishermen would be more than offset by the permanent ill will of the people of Newfoundland, which we would justly incur."—New Orleans Picayune.

"The matter is of more importance than the settlement of the fishing disputes with Newfoundland. There are serious questions pending with England concerning the relations of the United States with Canada. They have been hanging fire for a long time."—Baltimore American.

"Has the British government the right, or does it seriously intend to assert the right to override a Colonial law by a treaty or by that kind of provisional argeement which is known in diplomacy as a *modus vivendi*? The St. John's government is intelligibly incensed at what it regards as a betrayal of its interests and a violation of its rights, and it has assumed toward the mother country an attitude of defiance."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

"This threatens trouble for the fishermen and complication in the relations of the colony and the mother country and of both with the United States, all on account of the refusal of the Senate, out of courtesy to Mr. Lodge as spokesman of the Gloucester fishermen, to ratify a reciprocity treaty which would have been a distinct benefit to both countries and a pledge of good feeling over the fishery and all other questions."—Elmira N. Y., Advertiser.

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### BEFORE SUPREME COURT.

#### Case of Newfoundland Fishermen To Be Heard January 8.

The Newfoundland supreme court at St. John's yesterday fixed upon January 8 for hearing the appeal of the west coast fishermen against the decision of a magistrate, handed down a fortnight ago, fining them \$500 each for violating the bait act by fishing for American vessels within territorial waters. The decision was found in spite of the fact that the *modus vivendi* between Great Britain and the United States guaranteed immunity to fishermen if they shipped outside the three-mile line.

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### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Lottie G. Merchant and M. B. Stetson, bound for Bay of Islands, N. F., were at Louisberg, C. F., last Thursday for harbor.

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### ARRIVED TODAY.

Sch. J. Matthis, Rockland for New York.  
Sch. Mary E. Lynch, Calais for New York.  
Sch. James and Ella, Ipswich for Boston.  
Sch. Herbert M. Rogers, Ipswich for Boston.  
Sch. Gatherer, Ipswich for Boston.  
Tug Sea King, Rockport.  
Steamer Leviathan, Boston for Portland, with sand.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 35,000 cod.  
Sch. M. Madeleine, 18,000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 2000 haddock 600 cod, 700 hake.  
Haddock, \$5 to \$6.75 per cwt.; large cod \$4; market cod, \$3; hake, \$2; poll \$2.50.

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#### Boston.

Sch. Hobo, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Valentinna, 15,000 pollock.

Sch. Ralph Russell, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Motor, 18,000 cod, 2000 hake.

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A German engineer claims **KEEPING THE SEA SMOOTH.** to have discovered an efficient method of preventing the violent motion of a ship at sea.

The invention consists of a kind of turbine fitted vertically to the ship's keel. When set in motion the turbine counteracts the ship's tendency to roll from side to side. An old torpedo boat was fitted with the apparatus for a trial trip in rough weather off the mouth of the Elbe. The ship rolled to the extent of nine degrees, but after the turbine was set in motion she only rolled one degree. The result was obtained without any reduction of seaworthiness and the ship's buoyancy was unaffected.

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### ARRIVALS ARE SCARCE.

#### No Vessels from Off Shore for Three Days.

Fishing arrivals have been very scarce since Sunday, not a vessel, with fish, arriving from off shore, since sch. Lizzie Griffin came in Sunday night. Several of the shore market fleet came in for harbor, with no fish and all the fish received here thus far this week has been brought in by the pollockers.

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#### Boston.

Sloop Helen D. Low, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Manhasset, 16,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Evangeline, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Jubilee, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Tartar, 8000 haddock, 5000 cod, 8000 hake.

Haddock, \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2; pollock, \$3.60 to \$3.75.

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### RECORD PRICE.

#### Cunningham & Thompson Buy Fare of Sch. Lizzie Griffin.

Trip Brought \$5.25 and \$4.25 for Large and Medium.

The fare of dory handline salt cod of sch. Lizzie Griffin sold to Cunningham & Thompson at \$5.25 per hundred weight for large and \$4.25 for medium. This is the second trip of the Griffin this season and the fare was taken at the Virgin Rocks and were fine fish.

The price, as far as known, is the highest ever paid for a fare of salt bank cod.